

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

FROM: EDOUARD P. LAYAYE, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures

**SUBJECT: WEED AND VERTEBRATE ERADICATION AGREEMENT
STATE CONTRACT NO. 08a0886**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve contract with the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures to provide noxious weed and vertebrate pest control services along specified highways from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2005, in the amount of \$30,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This contract provides reimbursement to the Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures for the control of noxious weeds and vertebrate pest problems of mutual concern to the Department, Caltrans and the public, at no cost to the County. All of the work is performed along State rights-of-way. The work performed under this contract is part of a program to eradicate specific noxious weeds but also includes some general weed control and vertebrate pest control upon request by Caltrans. Noxious weeds controlled include Yellow Star Thistle and Halogeton; vertebrate pests controlled are ground squirrels, roof rats and gophers. Some work requested is in Riverside County along Interstate 215 and Highways 91 and 60 because these areas are serviced from the Caltrans office in San Bernardino. The County has entered into contracts for this work since 1976.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Wayne F. Thies, Administrative Analyst) on June 13, 2003, and reviewed by the Office of the County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on June 16, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This agreement allocates \$15,000 per year for pest eradication services in FY 2003/04 and FY 2004/05 and was included in the Department's proposed budget for FY 2003/04.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's proposal and recommends this action on the basis of continuing these fully reimbursed inspection services to the State.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Edouard P. Layaye, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, 387-2115

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